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For: **FRESH LEAF POWDER AND PROCESSED  
PRODUCT, EXTRACT, OIL AND AROMA  
OBTAINABLE FROM FRESH TEA LEAF  
POWDER**

Examiner: Unassigned

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The references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/00016064. A copy of the Search Report is also attached.

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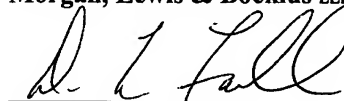
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the reference and make it of record in the present application by signing and returning the enclosed List of References Cited.

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